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Management Plan Review

## Vessel Strike Working Group – Draft Agenda

**Date:** 9 March 2004

**Location:** National Marine Fisheries Service NE Region, Gloucester

TIME	TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES
9:00-9:30	<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review Meeting Summary</li><li>- Updates on Requested Information</li></ul> <b>Discussion Leader:</b> Mason Weinrich /Dave Wiley
9:30-10:00	<b>Presentation: Northeast regional whale watch guidelines: A review</b> <b>Presenter:</b> David Gouveia, NMFS
10:00-10:20	Presentation: The Whale Watch Advisory Group to the Ship Strike Committee of the Northeast Implementation Team: A review of 1999 activities <b>Presenter:</b> Amy Knowlton, New England Aquarium
10:20 – 11:00	<b>Presentation and discussion: Compliance with Whale Watch Guidelines in the Stellwagen Bank NMS</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Just Moller, SBNMS <b>Discussion Leader:</b> Mason Weinrich
11:00 – 12:15	<b>Discussion: Whale watch collisions around the world: Where is the risk?</b>  A review of case histories to examine circumstances, and, if possible, common threads among cases. We will look at both cases here in New England and from other parts of the world as well.  <b>Discussion Leader:</b> Mason Weinrich
12:15-12:45	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45 – 4:00	<b>Discussion: Management of whale watching in the SBNMS in regards to Vessel/Baleen Whale Collisions</b>  Objectives:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Synthesize and review morning presentations,</li> <li>2. Discuss management options (e.g., Is status quo sufficient? If not, what additional measures might be considered?)</li> <li>3 Discuss costs and benefits of various strategies and options</li> <li>4. Begin formulation of draft action plan</li> </ol> <p>Discussion leader: Mason Weinrich</p>
4 – 4:30	<p><b>Conclusion and looking forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next Steps</li> <li>- Review Agreements and Data Requests</li> </ul>